

PRIMARY ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE _____ (Charter Amendment)

The constitution of the City of Mountain View, called the "city charter," contains a provision which fixes the salaries of the 7 members of the elected City Council. Each Councilmember may receive \$600/month in salary - while the member who is selected by the Council to serve as "mayor" for the year may receive an extra 25%.

In June 2014, the City Council voted 4-2 (with one member absent) to place on the November ballot this proposed amendment to the city charter which would increase the base salary for Councilmembers to \$1,000/month and provide for later increases based on inflation and not to exceed 5% per year.

First of all, keep in mind that the salary is not the only **compensation** received by our city councilmembers.

Councilmembers also qualify for:

- (1) all city benefits paid to full-time city employees;
- (2) expense accounts and reimbursements for authorized travel;
- (3) VIP ^{tickets} passes to the Shoreline Amphitheatre;
- (4) communication equipment; and
- (5) stipends for attending regional board meetings.

Even more significantly, city councilmembers receive the authority to make critical decisions that affect the whole community (including themselves).

In addition, councilmembers can use their positions to make potential business contacts and build a political resume and campaign contributors to run for higher office.

Proponents of this measure properly bear the burden of showing that the proposed salary increased is justified - given the many other benefits received.

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Proposed Amendment to City Charter Section 503

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(title of election) (name of jurisdiction)
to be held on November 4, 2014 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best
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of _____ his _____ knowledge and belief.
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